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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 456,300 IN APRIL

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 6,900 in April, mainly the result of seasonal gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector along with a small increase in Manufacturing, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 456,300 in April. This represents a gain of 6,900 from the March level of 449,400 and is 6,500 above the April 1987 figure of 449,800.

MANUFACTURING

Overall factory employment in Rhode Island increased by 300 from March to April. However, the current level of 115,500 is 1,000 less than the year ago total of 116,500. In the Durable Goods category, the April employment figure of 79,800 was up 200 from the prior month, but was 100 below the total recorded a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries increased 100 in the March-April period to a level of 35,700, but was down 900 compared to the April 1987 figure.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Jewelry-Silverware and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment more than offset a decline of 100 in Primary Metals. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their March employment levels. On an annual basis, employ-

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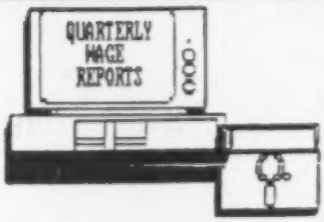

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987
Total Placements	551	676	971
New Applications	1,798	2,508	2,482
New Openings Received	1,763	2,149	2,369

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	April 1988	March 1988	% Change Mar. 1988
Initial Claims	5,476	5,591	- 2.1
No. of Payments	40,277	60,480	- 33.4
Amt. of Payment	$ 6,462,966	$ 9,983,008	- 35.3
Exhaustions	911	1,083	- 15.9

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987
Initial Claim	3,607	4,025	3,598
No. of Payments	26,108	28,961	25,074
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,289,432	$ 4,700,802	$ 3,887,015

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987
Civilian Labor Force	524.4	520.5	520.4
Unemployment	17.6	21.2	21.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.4	4.1	4.1
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.3	3.7	4.0

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	March 1988	Feb. 1988	March 1987
Civilian Labor Force	341.3	339.9	333.8
Unemployment	13.6	14.3	15.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.9	4.2	4.6

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	March 1988	Feb. 1988	March 1987
Civilian Labor Force	168.2	166.8	166.3
Unemployment	7.9	8.3	9.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.6	5.0	5.6

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	March 1988	Feb. 1988	March 1987
Civilian Labor Force	34,845	34,765	33,970
Unemployment	1,270	1,475	1,475
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.6	4.2	4.3

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

FEBRUARY 15-19, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	15,519	100.0
Men	10,724	69.1
Under 45	7,647	71.3
45 and Over	13,077	28.7
Women	4,795	30.9
Under 45	2,927	61.0
45 and Over	1,868	39.0
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,526	29.2
Manufacturing	4,272	27.5
Public Utilities	642	4.1
Wholesale and Retail	1,867	12.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	583	3.8
Service	1,479	9.5
All Other	2,150	13.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,762	11.4
Clerical and Sales	2,226	14.3
Service	851	5.5
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	717	4.6
Processing	343	2.2
Machine Trades	1,270	8.2
Bench Work	1,463	9.4
Structural Work	4,585	29.6
Miscellaneous	1,569	10.1
INA	733	4.7

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987	March 1988	April 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	456.3	449.4	449.8	+ 6,900	+ 6,500
MANUFACTURING	115.5	115.2	116.5	+ 300	- 1,000
NONMANUFACTURING	340.8	334.2	333.3	+ 6,600	+ 7,500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.5	17.9	18.8	+ 1,600	+ 700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.7	15.5	15.4	+ 200	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	103.8	102.5	101.4	+ 1,300	+ 2,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.7	25.7	25.2	-	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	116.9**	113.6	113.9	+ 3,300	+ 3,000
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.2	59.0	58.6	+ 200	+ 600

1988 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1987 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION - WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Apr. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1988	Apr. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.5	115.2	116.5	+ 300	- 1000	336.36	323.20	39.9	40.0	8.43	8.08
DURABLE GOODS	79.8	79.6	79.9	+ 200	- 100	329.83	319.20	39.5	40.0	8.35	7.98
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 100	+ 100	403.20	385.69	40.0	40.9	10.08	9.43
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.6	1.6	1.7	-	- 100	427.18	411.26	40.8	40.8	10.47	10.08
PRIMARY METALS	5.0	5.1	5.0	- 100	-	410.68	402.12	42.4	43.1	9.69	9.33
FABRICATED METALS	8.7	8.7	8.9	-	- 200	321.97	293.18	39.7	39.3	8.11	7.46
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1	6.1	6.2*	-	- 100	457.80	437.74	43.6	43.0	10.50	10.18
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.7	11.7	11.8	-	- 100	315.65	307.43	41.1	41.1	7.68	7.48
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.2	9.2	-	-	446.93	418.70	40.3	39.8	11.09	10,52
INSTRUMENTS	4.8*	4.8*	4.7*	-	+ 100	334.09	332.42	40.3	41.5	8.29	8.01
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.6	23.5	23.3	+ 100	+ 300	258.14	252.84	38.3	39.2	6.74	6.45
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.0	5.9	6.1	+ 100	- 100	246.58	252.39	34.2	35.8	7.21	7.05
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.7	35.6	36.6	+ 100	- 900	349.57	331.60	40.6	40.0	8.61	8.29
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	3.0	2.9	- 100	-	316.99	285.39	38.1	37.9	8.32	7.53
TEXTILES	10.1	10.0	10.4	+ 100	- 300	315.65	296.13	41.1	40.4	7.68	7.33
APPAREL	2.6	2.6	3.0	-	- 400	298.50	287.80	42.4	42.2	7.04	6.82
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.4	-	- 100	323.18	294.03	41.7	40.5	7.75	7.26
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.9	-	-	452.80	420.75	38.8	37.5	11.67	11.22
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.1	-	- 100	448.11	425.54	41.3	40.8	10.85	10.43
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.2	-	- 100	363.03	346.93	41.3	41.9	8.79	8.28
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.7	4.6	-	+ 100	353.33	337.82	40.8	40.8	8.66	8.28
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.1	2.0	2.1	+ 100	-	250.74	239.20	39.8	40.0	6.30	5.98

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ment advances were posted in Jewelry-Silverware (+300), Lumber/Furniture and Instruments (+100 each). At the same time, annual job declines were recorded in Fabricated Metals (- 200), followed by decreases of 100 each in Stone-Clay-Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. Payroll levels in Primary Metals and Transportation Equipment were unchanged from April 1987.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly job gains of 100 each were reported in Textiles and Leather Products. In contrast, Food-Beverage employment was down 100 for the month while the remaining Nondurable Goods industries equalled their March employment levels. Compared to a year ago, the sole employment increase (+100) occurred in Plastics Products. Conversely, annual job decreases were posted in Apparel (-400), Textiles (-300), and Paper Products, Chemical Products and Rubber Products (-100 each). Payroll levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged for the twelve month period.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector rose by 6,600 in the March-April period, primarily due to continued seasonal growth in Services, Contract Construction and Trade. The April employment level of 340,800 represents a gain of 7,500 jobs compared to the year ago figure of 333,300.

Within the nonfactory sector, the largest monthly increase was the addition of 3,300 workers to Services payrolls. At 116,900, this segment was up 3,000 from a year earlier. Contract Construction jobs, at 19,500, and Wholesale and Retail Trade employment, at 103,800, showed seasonal monthly gains of 1,600 and 1,300, respectively. Compared to a year ago April, the former category increased by 700, while the latter advanced by 2,400. Overall Government employment rose 200 from last month to the current total of 59,200, which was 600 more than the April, 1987 figure. As a result of a monthly employment upturn of 200, payroll levels in Transportation and Public Utilities increased to 15,700, representing a gain of 300 from April of last year. Although employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate remained at the March level of 25,700, it was up 500 on an annual basis.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 4 cents to $8.43 in mid-April, and were up 35 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week showed no change from March to April as it remained at 39.9 hours. However, this was 0.1 of an hour less than the April 1987 work week. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $336.36, which represents an increase of $1.60 from last month, and a gain of $13.16 from April of last year.

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